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OPC'ers File Work In New Archives

Larry Stessin, OPC vice president, is the most recent member of the Club to have his articles, essays and books housed in the "Archive of Contemporary History" at the University of Wyoming at Laramie. Among its thousands of historical collections, the library has a special section pertaining to the history and development of twentieth-century journalism and communications. Since the area of journalism was initiated ten years ago by the library, many prominent writers have been asked to contribute their "papers." Included in a recent list of nearly 200 is an impressive number of OPC members.

Among them are *Richard De Rochemont*, long connected with the documentary film, "March of Time." The De Rochemont collection includes hundreds of films, scripts and correspondence. A former OPC vice president and officer of the Correspondents Fund, Dick had won honors of all kinds from the Legion of Honor to a Hollywood Oscar.

John Barkham, outstanding book reviewer and writer, is another familiar OPC name. There is *Gerold Frank* of "Judy" and "I'll Cry Tomorrow" fame, once a former correspondent with the *New York Journal-American* and the *Cleveland News*. *James Kilgallen*, one-time editor of the *Laramie Boomerang*; *Frank Blair* of the "Today" show for so many years; *Richard Tregaskis*, who was an INS foreign editor; *Carol Weld*, who died only this March, a *Chicago Tribune* reporter, a writer for *Kings Features* and Hollywood magazines, and a founding member of the OPC.

Grace Robinson has given her papers from the *N.Y. Daily News*, as well as her husband's, *Robert Conway*; *Bernard S. Redmont*, now in Moscow, is another. And *Mary Hornaday*, *Lawrence G. Blochman*, *Lillian G. Genn*, *Richard Dempewolf*, *Morgan Beatty*, *Tom Mahoney*, *Clifford Evans*, and perhaps others from the Club. *John C.*

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IT'S YOUR OWN AFFAIR

Don't miss it!

Date: Tuesday, June 26

Place: The comfortable, handsome lounge at the new OPC headquarters, 52 East 41st Street

Time: 5:30 to 9 p.m.

Occasion: The Overseas Press Club's first big get-together to celebrate the move to our new building.

A chance to mingle with old friends and new.

The last big social event at the Club until fall.

Cash and charge bar — hors d'oeuvres — music.

Members of the Chemists Club and the National Democratic Club are invited to join us!

Complete dinner available on the second floor until 9 p.m.

Charge only*

*If you have not yet converted your OPC charge to the Chemists Club, stop at the desk in the lobby. The changeover can be made on the spot.

Theo Wilson Named By Alma Mater

Theo Wilson, West Coast correspondent of *The New York Daily News* and longtime OPC member, was guest of honor at the University of Kentucky School of Journalism Alumni banquet at Lexington, Ky., becoming the first woman to receive the university's "outstanding graduate in journalism" award.

Theo, who delivered the banquet address, was given a plaque and a silver mint julep cup. While a student at the university, she was associate editor and columnist for the school newspaper, *The Kentucky Colonel*. (P.S. She majored in English, not journalism.)

After leaving the university, she worked, in succession, for *The Evansville Press*, *The Indianapolis News*, *The Richmond News Leader*, the Associated Press, *The Philadelphia Bulletin* and *The New York Post* before joining *The Daily News*.

New Journalist Index Published

Biographical information on journalists, both print and broadcast, may be scattered in a variety of sources: general biographical dictionaries, specialized reference books, cultural histories and historical studies of journalism. To help students, teachers, practicing journalists and others locate biographical information on journalists in one place, Gale Research Co., Detroit, will publish *Journalist Biographies Master Index* (380 pp./\$40.00) in July.

JBMI is a unique key to 90,000 biographical sketches and references to journalists in 200 standard biographical dictionaries, directories, and other sources. An important feature of *JBMI* is that it cites textual references to individuals which appear in more than 25 historical studies. Unlike other works in Gale's Biographical Index Series, *JBMI* does not list every biographee found in the source indexed. Since many sources contain references to political, business, and other obviously non-journalistic personalities, *JBMI* cites only those persons who qualify as journalists.

Falling within the scope of *JBMI* are those persons — both famous and obscure, contemporary as well as historical — who have devoted a significant part of their careers to work related to newspapers, magazines, or the broadcast media. Included are many well-known personalities who achieved fame in non-journalistic fields, but who worked for a significant time as journalists: Edgar Allan Poe, Samuel L. Clemens, Ernest Hemingway and Bret Harte, to name a few. Also included are references to persons identified as journalists but for whom no source of biographical information has been located.

In addition to newspaper and magazine reporters, *JBMI* embraces editors, publishers, correspondents, cartoonists (both editorial and syndicated), broadcast news reporters and correspondents,

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JAPAN, GERMANY SEND CONGRATULATIONS

Tokyo, Japan

Overseas Press Club of America:

I wish to express my sincere congratulations on the auspicious occasion of the 40th anniversary of the Overseas Press Club of America.

The Club has contributed greatly to enhancing international understanding, and I wish the Club and its members continued success in the years to come.

Masayoshi Ohira
Prime Minister of Japan

Bonn, West Germany

Overseas Press Club of America
55 East 43rd Street
New York, N.Y.

Attention: Mr. Henry Gellermann, President

Mr. President:

On the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the distinguished Overseas Press Club of America, I would like to transmit my best wishes to the club and its members.

The club's record in fostering human rights, particularly those concerning the working conditions of foreign correspondents all over the world, is a most remarkable one, and I do hope that this work can and will be continued.

Helmut Schmidt
Chancellor of the Federal
Republic of Germany

Tokyo, Japan

Mr. Henry Gellermann, President
Overseas Press Club of America

As Tokyo-based members of the OPC and on behalf of the 1,900 members of the Foreign Correspondents Club of Japan, we are filing congratulations for your 40th anniversary and best wishes for a still brighter future.

Bruce Dunning, president, FCCJ
A. E. Cullison, past president
John Rich, past president

HONG KONG — The first large group of American news persons to visit North Korea in peace since World War II spent part of April and May in Pyongyang covering the World Table Tennis Championships. Premier Kim Il Sung's government allowed three U.S. correspondents to visit North Korea in 1972, but otherwise the doors remained closed.

American correspondents for the tennis matches included Edith Lederer, AP; Morley Myers, Robert Crabbe and Shunsuke Akatsuka, UPI; John Wallach, Hearst Newspapers; Bradley Martin, *Baltimore Sun*; Mike Sharp, *Wall Street Journal*; Ed Reingold, *Time Magazine*; Bruce Dunning, CBS; Bill Redeker, ABC; and Alice Green, *The New York Times*.

Tom Curran, retired UPI vice president, and his wife Elizabeth, took a spring vacation cruise through Southeast Asia from their home in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Tom reported that most of the once fabled topless beauties of Bali now wear tee-shirts.

Victoria Wakefield, UPI-UNICOM, became the second woman to head a foreign press club in East Asia when she was elected president of the Hong Kong Foreign Correspondents Club, now

celebrating its 30th anniversary, for the 1979-80 year.

Wakefield defeated Derek Davies, editor of the *Far Eastern Economic Review*, by one vote, 49-48, on May 16 to succeed Tony Paul, *Reader's Digest*, who had served two consecutive presidential terms.

Other foreign correspondent members of the new board in Hong Kong: Hugh Van Es, freelance photographer, first vice president, and governors (in order of vote) Al Kaff, UPI; Henry Hartzenbusch, AP; Frank Ching, *Asian Wall Street Journal*; David DeVoss, *Time*; Fred Moritz, *Christian Science Monitor*; V. G. Kulkarni, *Depthnews Asia*, and Mike Keats, UPI.

— Al Kaff

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network on-the-air and behind-the-scenes personalities and news executives. Each citation in *JBMI* gives the journalist's name, years of birth and/or death, and codes indicating sources of biographical information. In cases where *JBMI* has multiple listings for the same person, the reader is able to choose the most convenient source.

JAZZ SEASON ENDS

The last big OPC jazz bash at the Biltmore, May 18 swung out appropriately with its honorary Jazz Club president, Earl "Fatha" Hines, the legendary jazz pianist, hosting the "Pioneers of Jazz," a 19-piece group which recaptured the golden era of big bands.

Hines told his SRO audience "There is magic in a big band like no other sound. It is very special to American jazz and I am proud to have been a pioneer in it." He added, "I'm proud, too, that I was a pioneer in helping to found the Jazz Club with its committee members and to be celebrating its tenth year." *Sol Zatt* assumed his regular role as emcee, for the WNYC broadcast, with jazz chairman *Wilma Dobie* as hostess.

There was a touching moment in introducing the band's founder, trumpeter Louie Metcalf. Hines saw Mrs. Zutty Singleton, widow of the late famed drummer who frequently attended the concerts. In bringing her to the mike, he recalled that it was she, as pianist Marge Creath, who gave Metcalf his first professional engagement more than fifty years ago in St. Louis.

While leader Hank Doughty and the big band were setting up, Metcalf and his "Pioneers Sextet" got the show on the road, with "Fatha" displaying his dazzling genius on "Indiana" and "Mack the Knife." Marva Josie, vocalist, did a unique number, "Don't Make My Brown Eyes Blue."

When Hines ducked to his Sheraton Centre gig, the big band "Pioneers" took over with the splendid sounds and swing of the era recalling Jimmie Lunceford, Fletcher Henderson, Count Basie, Coleman Hawkins and other memorables. Duke Chisholm and Diana Crosson were outstanding song stylists. The last "hurrah" ended with an informal jam session that kept members and Chemists Club's guests tapping feet well into the evening.

— Wilma Dobie

From the Clubs

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photo staffer Louise Gubb.

Bill McWhirter was here for *TIME* magazine from his Johannesburg base. Nick Proffitt came down from Nairobi for *Newsweek*.

Also among the Rhodesia-watchers were Gary Thatcher of *The Christian Science Monitor*, Larry Pintak for AP Radio and Shelly Morrison for NBC Radio.

I'm sure that I have left out somebody. But since the Rhodesia story isn't going away for awhile, I'll get them the next time.

— Bill Nicholson

Up-and-coming

Tuesday, June 26, 5:30 p.m. — Housewarming party for our new headquarters at 52 East 41st Street; music, eats, cash and charge bar; no cover for members and guests; no reservations needed — come as you are!

Note: Dinner will be available until 9 o'clock on charge basis only for those wishing to eat later.

Tuesday, July 17, 5:30 p.m. — "Shop Talk", with Philip Millett, newly-named editor of *Esquire* magazine, succeeding Clay Felker, who resigned when new owners acquired a controlling interest last month. At the OPC/Chemists Club; open to members and guests; reservations suggested: Mary Novick, 679-9650.

FROM THE CLUBS

LONDON — The Conservative Party victory in the recent British general election has meant a changing of the guard in the press setup at No. 10, Downing St., the Prime Minister's office.

Tom McCaffrey, Press Secretary to former Labor Prime Minister James Callaghan and, before that, his Press Secretary when he was Home Secretary and Foreign Secretary, moved out of his Number 10 office within hours of the Labor party's defeat. McCaffrey, a genial though sometimes temperamental Scot, was too closely associated with Callaghan to stay on, although he was a career civil servant. He resigned from the Civil Service and currently is acting as Callaghan's press officer as Leader of the Labor party.

Several other members of the Number 10 press office, who had been seconded from the Labor party during the Callaghan regime, left also.

Conservative Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has appointed as her Press Secretary Henry James, a veteran of government press relations who served as Assistant Press Secretary in Downing St. under both former Labor Prime Minister Harold Wilson and former Conservative Prime Minister Edward Heath. In recent years James was Director of the Central Office of Information, which coordinates all government information work. He retired recently from the Civil Service at the age of 60 and has been doing public relations work for Vickers, one of Britain's biggest industrial groups. He is currently on six-months leave of absence from Vickers until a permanent Downing St. Press Secretary is appointed.

Derek Howe, who was Mrs. Thatcher's personal press officer during her years as Conservative party leader in

Donors of the table favors for our 40th anniversary awards dinner were:

Post-dinner door gifts — 600 miniature bottles of Crown Royal donated by Walter M. Haimann, president of Seagram Distillers, New York City.

Hawaiian floral arrangements for the speaker's table given by James Kaina, director, Hawaii Visitors Bureau, 50 Rockefeller Center, New York City.

Table favors from Frank Johnson, Revlon Co., New York City.

Cigarettes donated by Philip Morris U.S.A., New York City.

Li Ling Ai, chairman of the Menu and Favors Committee, was assisted in obtaining the generous gifts by Marie Satterlie, Charlotte Roberts and Adele Nathan.

Oppositon, also has joined the Downing St. staff in an advisory capacity.

Henry McNulty, former European chief of Carl Byoir Associates, has just embarked on what he calls "my fourth career" — the first was with United Press, the second with *Newsweek* and the third with Byoir.

He is now in charge of London operations of the Washington Communications Group, which publishes a number of newsletters. The first produced in London is a weekly, *London Oil Report*, currently written in London but printed and published in Washington.

Veteran former Associated Press correspondent John Lloyd, 78, died May 5 at Chelmsford, England, where he has lived since his retirement in 1965. Lloyd, a native of Dayton, Ohio, was an AP veteran of 40 years and had served in Latin America, Moscow, Paris, Madrid and London. Before his retirement he was AP's general executive for Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

— Joseph W. Grigg

SALISBURY — Rhodesia & Rhodesia's black majority rule elections attracted an unprecedented number of journalists and the U.S. was well represented.

About 200 reporters and photographers were based in Salisbury, but travelled extensively throughout the country to observe the voting.

David Ottaway of *The Washington Post* came here from his base in Lusaka, Zambia. John Burns of *The New York Times* and Jack Foisie of *The Los Angeles Times* were here from Johannesburg.

CBS made history of sorts: for the first time, a television network broadcast direct by satellite from Salisbury. Johannesburg-based correspondent Robin Wright was in front of the camera.

In from London for ABC was Peter Jennings and NBC was represented by Garrick Utley, also based in London.

Also well-represented were U.S. news agencies. Nat Gibson, recently arrived from Lisbon, came here from his new Johannesburg base. His wife, Helen, was in Kampala, Uganda, for *Newsweek*.

AP bureau chief in Johannesburg, Bill Nicholson, and AP correspondent Judy Yablonsky, came in to help AP Salisbury correspondent John Edlin and

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Who, What, Where

By GRACE NAISMITH

HONORS: Karl Detzer, retired roving editor of *The Reader's Digest*, was awarded an honorary doctorate degree in humane letters by Indiana University-Purdue University May 14. Karl was born in Ft. Wayne in 1891, and began his newspaper career there. He has written nearly 150 articles for *The Digest* and a dozen books, the most recent one entitled "Myself When Young." . . . **Ruth Winter**, former president of the American Society of Journalists and Authors, reports that another *Digest* celebrity has just received an award — DeWitt Wallace was given the first honorary award to an editor. The Special Editorial Award was presented at the annual ASJA non-fiction conference May 5 in appreciation of the recognition and personal encouragement that DeWitt Wallace has given countless writers since he started the magazine in 1922.

TRAVELING: David A. Anderton spent most of April in China with a group that included WW2 veteran airmen who had bombed — and in some cases, parachuted into — the Japanese-occupied areas of China. Dave has described some of the war ventures in his latest book, "Superfortress at War," (Scribner's) and is writing another book collecting airmen escape stories. He interviewed top officers in the Chinese Air Force who were part of the rescue network during WW2.

BOOKS: Charles Robbins has written a new book about Harry S. Truman, "Last of His Kind," published by William Morrow & Co. Robbins reveals a new side of Truman, "the Truman he wanted the American public to see." A long-time OPC member and officer, "Charlie" got his newspaper start at Hearst, was executive editor of *The American Weekly* for seven years, and executive editor of *This Week* magazine before retiring to write at Schodack Landing, N.Y.

MAGAZINE: Millicent Brower had a feature in *Midnight/Globe* May 8, "How to Be Your Own Butcher and Save." Coming up are interviews with with psychiatrist, Dr. Jack Chernus.

NEW LOOK: Jerry Sherman has been appointed director of public relations for Gulf & Western Industries, Inc. Sherman had formerly been president of his own corporate and financial public relations firm, after a vice-presidency at Irving L. Straus Associates Inc. and media manager of Farley Manning Associates.

OPC'ers File

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Devlin and Grace Naismith are packing their papers to go West.

Not members of the Club, but interesting to note are Leonard S. Silk of *The New York Times* (his collection takes up over 200 feet of shelf space); Ada Louise Huxtable, noted architectural critic (2,500 letters!); Clifford Fadiman; Bruce Catton (1,200 letters); Beach Conger; John Franklin Carter; Bill Stern, sports forecaster; Paul Palmer, Kenneth Stewart and William Hard of the *Reader's Digest*; George Haven Putnam; Shana Alexander; Morton Mintz; Charles Poore; Courtney Ryley Cooper, A.C. Sectorsky of "Ex-Urbanites," and many more of equal stature.

Eugene Lyon's name is among the missing at the University of Wyoming Archive, but the University of Oregon, competing with other institutions for journalism papers, lists the former Tass editor and author of "Assignment in Utopia" as having 76 letters in the Eugene, Oregon files, including one from Stalin. Lyons, also a writer for the *Reader's Digest*, was a founder of the OPC. Among the other universities competing for outstanding journalism and communication papers is the especially active University of Wisconsin, the University of Missouri (where Tom Mahoney gave his collection, and Sam Summerlin says Boston University has asked for his papers).

Much of the success of the University of Wyoming Archive of Contemporary History goes to Dr. Gene M. Gressley, director of the American Heritage Center, the Archives, etcetera. An enthusiastic, articulate, "genuinely warm human being," writes Mike Board in *Alumnews*, Gressley "possesses a fierce persistence" when it comes to

In view of the fact that we are now on a full credit basis at the Chemists' Club, we must ask the cooperation of our members. All bills must be paid within ten days after receipt or we will be forced to post a list of names of delinquent members.

— Anita Diamant Berke
Treasurer

his program.

If a donor changes his mind and wants his material back, the Archive will return it.

Gressley says they wish to collect as much as they can pertaining to the history and development of 20th century journalism and communications. The papers may be correspondence, notes, diaries, manuscripts, photographs, books and other literary memorabilia. Much of this material would have been lost to history. The University of Oregon emphasizes the research and creative aspects of the writer's work, the care with which he seeks and presents the facts, the means whereby he develops a story or novel. College students of writing study the techniques.

The West is especially aware of its American heritage these days, excelling in its history of both East and West. It is gratifying that the Overseas Press Club is going to be represented forever in the Archive of Contemporary History at the University of Wyoming.

— Grace Naismith

TORNABENE NAMED

At the May 25 meeting of the OPC Board of Directors, Russell Tornabene was elected a vice president to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Louis Calderoni, who is now living in Florida.

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